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SUBJECT: RUMORED CHANGES IN AFGHANISTAN'S BANKS

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1. DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO CONFIRM WHETHER GOA HAS APPROACHED JUWEENY TO TAKE OVER PRESIDENCY DA AFGHANISTAN BANK. JUWEENY CURRENTLY ON MISSION TO AFRICA WITH IMF, RPT IMF. HE HAS NEVER BEEN WITH BANK'S NEW YORK OFFICE. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT GOA HAS BEEN TRYING FOR SOME TIME TO PERSUADE FORMER DAF BANK NEW YORK REP, FAROUK ACHIKZAD, NOW WITH IBRD, TO RETURN TO KABUL TO ASSUME A "HIGH ECONOMIC POST."

2. ACHIKZAD, WHO MET AMBASSADOR ELIOT AT FUNCTION LAST OCTOBER (HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR MALIKYAR), HAS DECIDED AFTER LONG PERIOD OF WRESTLING WITH CONSCIENCE TO RESIGN "TENURED" IBRD POSITION AND RETURN TO KABUL. HE PLANS DEPART WASHINGTON END OF MARCH. ACHIKZAD SAID AMBASSADOR
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MALIKYAR HELPED PERSUADE HIM TO TAKE STILL UNNAMED POSITION

IN GOA. ACHIKZAD SPECULATES NEW JOB MIGHT BE ON STAFF OF HIGH ECONOMIC COUNCIL BUT DOES NOT RPT NOT RULE OUT BANK PRESIDENCY.

3. AMBASSADOR MALIKYAR TOLD DESK OFFICER HE HAD NO

KNOWLEDGE OF RUMORED JUWEENY APPOINTMENT, BUT SAID HE WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT CHOICE. ANOTHER AFGHAN ECONOMIST, ABDUL HAI KAYEUMY OF IMF, SAID HE DOUBTED JUWEENY WOULD BE OFFERED THE TOP BANK JOB. NONE OF AFGHANS QUERIED COULD SHED ANY LIGHT ON OTHER REFTEL RUMORED APPOINTMENTS. KAYEUMY, OF WHOM ROBERT NATHAN THINKS A GREAT DEAL, HAS DECLINED SEVERAL UNSPECIFIED GOA JOB OFFERS. HE DEPLORED GOA PRACTICE OF OFFERING VAGUE POSITIONS TO AFGHAN INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS. HE OBVIOUSLY WAS DISENCHANTED WITH EXPERIENCE OF SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHEN REASONABLY FIRM OFFERS FOR THE IDBA PRESIDENCY LATER FELL THROUGH. KISSINGER

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